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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Osamu HASHIMOTO, et al.

Serial No.: 09/730,750

Group Art Unit: 2829

Filed: December 07, 2000

Examiner: Jimmy Nguyen

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD OF INSPECTING SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED
CIRCUIT

SUMMARY OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH ACTING GROUP DIRECTOR

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is a summary of telephone conversations between Acting Group Director Arthur Grimley and the undersigned on April 21, 2003, regarding the above-referenced application.

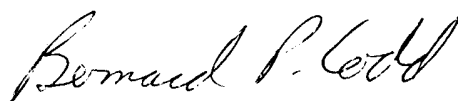
On April 2, 2003, Supervisory Patent Examiner Cuneo called the undersigned and left a voicemail stating that a Supplemental Office Action resetting the period for reply would be mailed in the above referenced application. On April 21, 2003, the undersigned contacted Acting Group Director Grimley because a Supplemental Office Action resetting the period for reply had not been received.

After reviewing the file, the Acting Group Director notified the undersigned that a Supplemental Office Action resetting the period for reply would be mailed by tomorrow, April 22, 2003. The undersigned requested that the new period for reply be set in PALM today to prevent the application from being statutorily abandoned. Mr. Grimley replied that it would not be necessary to reset the period for reply today because the Office Action mailed October 21, 2002,

was defective. Mr. Grimley explained because the Office Action was defective, the period for reply could be reset by the Patent Office tomorrow (April 22, 2003) and the application would not be abandoned. Mr. Grimley assured the undersigned that Applicant did not need to file any papers, such as extensions of time or a notice of appeal, to prevent the application from being abandoned.

Applicants appreciate Acting Group Director Grimley's prompt attention to resolving this matter.

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